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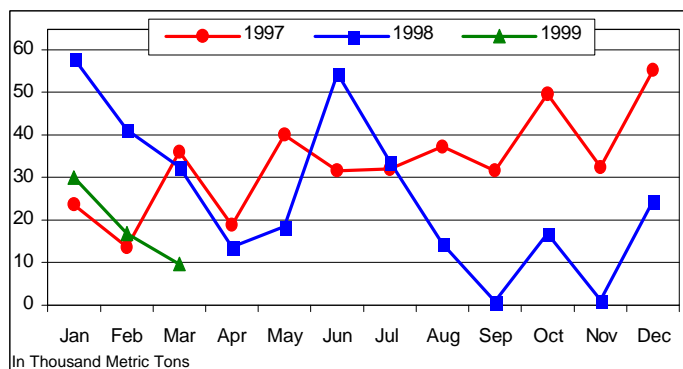
Dutch sell more to Hong Kong and Middle East

In the first nine months of 1998, the Netherlands nearly doubled trade in table eggs with Hong Kong, the total rising from 150 million to 287 million eggs. They also managed to sell more to the Middle East and in particular to the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Kuwait. Consequently, third country exports at 811 million increased by 42% from the corresponding 1997 figure of 571 million.

Over 80% of Dutch exports go to fellow E.U. countries. Over this January-September period, this trade increased by 2% from 3,437 million to 3,512 million eggs, according to the Dutch Product Boards for Livestock, Meat and Eggs.

Source: International Egg Commission, Monthly Newsletter

Frozen Leg Quarters Exported to Russia



Source: Department of the Commerce, Bureau of the Census

1998-1999 JAPANESE POWDERED EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Powdered			
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	Total
1998				
January	133.7	192.2	598.4	924.3
February	234.6	220.2	698.0	1152.8
1998 To-Date	368.3	412.4	1296.4	2,077.1
1999				
January	200.2	269.1	912.5	1381.8
February	201.6	251.3	566.2	1019.1
1999 To-Date	401.8	520.4	1,478.7	2,400.9

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

COSTA RICA TRQ AND TARIFFS

Costa Rica formally established its Uruguay Round tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for chicken through the year 2002. It also reduced applied tariffs on poultry products below its WTO commitment bindings. For fresh, chilled or frozen poultry cuts and offals, the TRQ volume is 999 MT in 1999, 1,056 MT in 2000, 1,113 MT in 2001 and 1,170 MT in 2002.

If during the tariff reduction period, the poultry sector demonstrates to the Government of Costa Rica (GOCR) that poultry parts (fresh, chilled or frozen poultry cuts and offals) may be imported under normal market conditions at a Certificate, Insurance, Freight (CIF) price lower than US \$0.13/pound, the GOCR will apply the initial 170 percent tariff rate, but only as long as this situation occurs.

According to the decree, the GOCR will accelerate the reduction of the tariff rates for poultry parts and processed poultry meat (fresh, chilled or frozen poultry cuts and offals, and other) if prices of poultry parts increase in the U.S. market, as compared to the price of those products on 22 January 1999.

Costa Rica imported only 336.44 tons under the 942-ton tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for chicken in 1998. A producer group made those imports and reportedly has less interest in importing under the TRQ this year. As a result, there is a good opportunity for chicken parts to enter the Costa Rican market under the reduced 34% duty.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

May Outlook Report: Poultry

Exports are stronger so far in 1999 than forecast despite continuing weakness in U.S. poultry exports due to reduced sales to Russia. Total poultry exports in 1999 were revised up 1 percent to 2.4 million tons, reflecting stronger than expected broiler shipments so far in the first quarter. This still represents a 5 percent decline from 1998. Poultry exports in 2000 are forecast nearly 2 percent higher than in 1999 as prospects for the Russian market slowly improve. That remains slightly below 1998 exports.

Broiler exports to Russia were down 72 percent (January to February) from a year ago due to continuing effects of the August 1998 ruble devaluation. Shipments to Hong Kong and the Baltics were stronger than expected and resulted in an upward revision of 8 percent in broiler exports for the first quarter of 1999, to 464,000 tons. Broiler exports in the other quarters were left unchanged, and total 1999 broiler exports in 2000 are expected to be about 2 percent higher than 1999 exports.

Total U.S. turkey exports were down 16 percent (January to February) from a year ago, reflecting soft demand in Russia. Exports to Mexico are showing only modest growth. The 1999 and 2000 turkey export forecasts are both 181,000 tons.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

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INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending May 15, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	201	427	5,207	4,972
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	43	174	217
Total	201	470	5,387	5,239

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

	Week Ending May 15, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	179	75	1,770	1,582
Frozen	2	0	97	123
Dried	0	141	10	175
Total	181	216	1,877	1,880

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending May 15, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	17	72	255	353
Extra Large	180	1,810	10,135	14,145
Large	4,108	2,740	39,673	36,797
Medium	413	1,057	17,121	21,406
Ungraded	16,260	5,620	147,199	77,702
Misc	750	0	3,228	1,810
Total	21,728	11,299	217,611	152,213

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 15-May-99
PRELIMINARY**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,375	1,333	3,708
LAST WEEK	2,356	1,369	3,725
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,288	1,277	3,565
TO-DATE/1999	41,823	25,497	67,320
TO-DATE/1998	40,250	23,567	63,817

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	484	5	489
LAST WEEK	445	0	445
SAME WEEK YR AGO	623	12	635
TO-DATE/1999	9,298	137	9,435
TO-DATE/1998	10,839	191	11,030

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,859	1,338	4,197
LAST WEEK	2,801	1,369	4,170
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,911	1,289	4,200
TO-DATE/1999	51,121	25,634	76,755
TO-DATE/1998	51,089	23,758	74,847

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
May 21, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.25	
81,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-11.00	-	7.50-12.50	12.00-13.50
WTD AVERAGE	10.13		9.65	12.30
2,299,600 pounds, this includes 408,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
May 21, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	-	17.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.02		17.00	17.00

1,039,700 pounds, this includes 250,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00	13.40	15.00
WTD AVERAGE		15.00	13.40	15.00
281,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	-	9.50-13.50	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.72		11.73	13.88
1,744,000 pounds, this includes 276,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

MAY 21, 1999

Trade sentiment barely steady to firm with some weakness noted on tom breast meat out of pre-holiday production. Some tom breast meat noted for June shipments being frozen from new production noted at higher price levels. Demand light to fair on tom breast meat and tenderloins, fair on wing meat at steady prices and on drums. Yearling hen drums (2 loads) 14, Grade A breasts (part loads): 10-12 lb. 130-135, 12-14 lb. 140-145, 14-16 lb. 150, 16-18 lb. 155, fresh destrapped tenderloins (part loads) 151-152 delivered. For export: tom necks (4 containers) 14.50-15, hen 2-joint wings (1 rail-car) 37, cents delivered.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	260	15.21	732
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	30		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	19.00	208	19.00	208
TAILS		R	19.33	120	18.20	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.67	608		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-55.00		51.75	416	50.24	1,616

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	14.00		14.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	19.00	208
TAILS	18.50-19.75		19.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.67	608
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-51.00		50.25	416

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	15.39	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	19.00	208
TAILS	15.00-18.00		16.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.67	608
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-52.00		51.61	368

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00-16.00		15.39	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	19.00	208
TAILS		F	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.67	608
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-50.00		47.50	416

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	14.79	376
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00		19.00	208
TAILS		F	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.67	608
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	46.45	628

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.